

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

November 8, 2004

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Charles Moss, Treasurer

Others Present:

Barton Roberson, DC
Jenny Parks, Admin. Assist.
Amy Hughes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Parks reported that Mike Walker, Mayor of Seagrove will not be in attendance. Mr. Walker has asked to be moved to the December 13, 2004 Board Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

October 11, 2004 minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Moss moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes as corrected.

Moss presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Roberson reported that office staff is currently reconciling all of the EQIP information from 2004. NRCS is now fully responsible for the entire program.
- Roberson reported that he attended an NRCS Line Officers meeting in Burlington. This meeting was for all of the District Conservationists.
- The EQIP Stakeholder's meeting was discussed briefly. The EQIP allocation for Randolph County could possibly be between \$200,000 - \$250,000.
- Roberson reported briefly on the HEL and Wetlands Determinations being completed in the office.
- We have numerous requests for land clearing which require HEL and Wetland Determinations.

Roberson gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- An application for Stephen Michael Walker, incinerator, was presented to the board for approval. Mr. Walker has certified that he qualifies for a New Farmer. Alston moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.
- The board voted to move the item on the agenda entitled "Recertifying New & Limited Resource Farmer at the time of Contract" to the December 13, 2004 Board Meeting.

- An ACSP Workshop for the Piedmont SWCD's will be held in Sanford at the County Agriculture Center on December 16, 2004. Parks is planning to attend this meeting.
- A Wetlands Workshop as it relates to EEP will be held in Burlington at the County Agriculture Center on December 9, 2004.

It was decided to move the Community Conservation items to the December 13, 2004 Board Meeting.

Frazier reported that there will be a Community Conservation Workshop sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation District held in High Point on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at the Piedmont Environmental Center. There is a \$20 registration fee that is due by November 19, 2004 for those wishing to attend.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston attended the RC&D Board Meeting on October 27, 2004. This meeting consisted of planning the RC&D Annual Meeting.
- Calvin Evans has submitted his retirement notification as of January 2005. December 23, 2004 will be Evans last day.
- The RC&D Annual Report was shared with the board.

Moss reported on the Area 3 SWCD Fall Meeting as follows:

- Service Award Update
- The resolution stating "The NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts will establish a full standing committee with the title 'Community Conservation' passed at the Area Meeting. This resolution will have to go through two Annual Meetings and a bylaw change before it becomes official if it is passed at the Annual Meeting in January.
- Information regarding the eight Standing Committees was discussed. Alston is the Alternate for the Legislative Committee.
- Moss reported that the 2004 Strategic Planning Committee will have several action items that will need to be voted on during the Annual Meeting.

Information regarding the Annual Meeting was discussed and information was presented. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel January 9-11, 2005. Pre-registration is due before January 5, 2005.

It was decided by the board to hold the December board meeting at the regular day/time – December 13, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.

It was decided to check on two different dates/places for the annual Christmas dinner – either December 4th in Winston-Salem or December 10th in Asheboro. Information will be shared as soon as arrangements have been finalized.

It was decided to move the January Board Meeting to January 7, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. due to the regularly scheduled meeting being the same time as the Annual Meeting.

Parks read a letter from Justin Hunter Lowe requesting that the Randolph SWCD make a financial contribution towards his trip to the 2005 International Leadership Seminar for State Officers to Austria, France, and Germany. Lowe is a junior at NC State University double majoring in Agricultural Education and Scientific Horticulture. He currently serves as a State Vice President for the North Carolina FFA Association. He is also a graduate of Eastern

Randolph High School. Alston moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously that the district make a \$500 contribution towards his travel to attend the 2005 International Leadership Seminar for State Office to Austria, France, and Germany, under the condition that the district request a visit and a brief presentation by one or more of the State FFA Officers following the trip.

Discussion was had on the Matching Fund Audit that Jerry Dorsett did during the October Board Meeting. There will be follow-up on this audit to make sure everything was documented.

Parks reported that the Division of SWCD is in the process of setting up an email directory for the state. If any supervisor wishes to have their name and email address included in this directory should see Parks as she will submit it in the proper form/order.

Parks evaluation was discussed. Frazier, with the permission of the Board, conducted her evaluation.

The following consent items were approved:

- November, December, and January Calendars
- Employee Weekly Logs
- NACD News & Views
- eNotes (10/12/04, 10/19/04, 10/26/04, and 11/2/04)
- Strategic Planning Committee Action Items

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Signature

Date Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be December 13, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building
241 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203